

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, YouthBuild USA began changing lives in 1978 with a program in East Harlem, NY, grew rapidly, has been described as a "wellspring of human reclamation," and has been recognized as one of America's 12 most impactful nonprofits since 2007; and

WHEREAS, with the support from its nonprofit sponsors, the participants in YouthBuild USA are positively rebuilding their communities and their lives, as well as breaking the cycle of poverty; and

WHEREAS, Burlington's ReSOURCE A Nonprofit Community Enterprise Inc. has been a proud YouthBuild USA Affiliate since 2004, and Burlington has hosted a YouthBuild program since 1996; and

WHEREAS, ReSOURCE's YouthBuild program provides an alternative path to a high school credential and essential job skills training to Burlington's youth, has enrolled 233 students and given these youth a new opportunity to find success and become leaders in our community, and has issued 127 high school degrees and 98 industry recognized skill certifications, while placing 123 youth in a job or in college; and

WHEREAS, ReSOURCE YouthBuild has built 16 units of affordable housing, weatherized 96 units of affordable housing, and completed over 50 solar hot water and solar photovoltaic installations; and

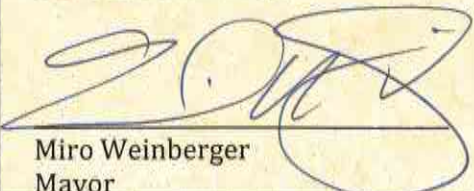
WHEREAS, ReSOURCE YouthBuild trainees have completed 90,000 hours of community service for hundreds of different nonprofit and governmental agencies with projects including the construction of the Bentley Seifer Little League dugouts (2013), Hurricane Irene flood relief in Waterbury and the Mad River Valley (2012), and the completion of improvements to many of Burlington's parks, community gardens, and schools; and

WHEREAS, April 3, 2014 has been designated as the inaugural National YouthBuild Day;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2014 to be

BURLINGTON YOUTHBUILD DAY

as we honor and celebrate National YouthBuild Day, and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that I salute ReSOURCE's YouthBuild program and urge residents to join me in recognizing the positive impact made by the students and graduates of YouthBuild, as well as ReSOURCE's Board, staff and volunteers, and YouthBuild USA on the City of Burlington, our environment, and our community.


Miro Weinberger
Mayor

